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LOK SABHA

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SMUGGLING OF APPLES
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge quantities of apples are reported to be smuggled from outside and sold in the country without phytosanitary certificates;

(b) if so, the number of incidents reported during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has taken any steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): There are no reports of smuggling of apples from outside the country without phytosanitary certificates.

(c)to(e): The import of apples is allowed after conducting Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) into India through notified points of entry specified in Schedules I & II of the Plant Quarantine (Regulation of Import into India) Order, 2003 (P.Q.Order, 2003). The consignments arriving in India are inspected in accordance with the specific conditions laid down in the P.Q. Order, 2003 by the Indian Plant Quarantine Officers.